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Massachusetts Wildlife Management Area Maps

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A Note About These Maps...

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is pleased to present a set of inexpensive maps that will allow anyone to locate, explore and enjoy the MDFW's wildlife management areas. Enclosed are maps of every wildlife management area in the regional district exceeding 100 acres in size. The maps have been hole-punched so that they can be snapped into any standard looseleaf binder for easy reference and safekeeping; and so that as new maps are created or updated (or as original ones get worn out under field use) they can be added (or replaced) at little cost. We considered many different options with regard to color, amount of detail, cost and size during the publication planning stage, and finally settled on reproducing sections of U.S. Geological Survey maps in black and white as the most accurate and inexpensive option. We then added area boundaries, access points, parking areas and other relevant information. The scale of selected maps had to be reduced, resulting in some loss of detail, but we hope that topography, access roads, borders, boundaries and other pertinent information is reasonably clear. We encourage wildlife management area visitors and sportsmen to do their own exploring, and to add further detail to these maps as they see fit.

The original U.S.G.S. maps (and a state index sheet) on which these maps are based are available from: U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia 22092. We highly recommend the U.S.G.S. maps for their superb clarity, accuracy and color, but in most cases they do not display the boundaries of wildlife management areas and related information of importance to the sportsman and casual visitor.

Wildlife Management Areas - encompassing some 58,000 acres at this writing - contain some of the finest examples of wildlife habitat in Massachusetts. Some are intensively managed with plantings, selective cuttings and annual stockings of game, while others are left virtually untouched. Some areas include the habitats of rare and endangered plants and animals. In all cases, management areas are permanently protected parcels of wildlife habitat, preserved so that wildlife will always have a place to live in Massachusetts. Combined with other protected lands, both public and private, wildlife management areas offer the best hope we have that wildlife will continue to thrive as development continues to transform the remaining rural countryside into an urban/suburban environment. Large islands of protected wildlife habitat, connected by travel corridors of protected habitat, will be required if we are to maintain the species diversity and abundance of wildlife the Bay State's residents currently enjoy.

Although some portions of the MDFW's 79 named wildlife management areas are the result of gifts, donations and state bond money purchases, the majority have been acquired through license fees paid by sportsmen. Sportsmen continue to fund the expansion of existing wildlife management areas and the purchase of new ones through the Wildlands Conservation Stamp Program, instituted through the efforts of the state's organized sportsmen in 1991. This program requires all hunters, fishermen and trappers to put $5.00 toward land conservation each year they purchase a license (in addition to the standard license fees), and the program is currently generating nearly $1.2 million annually - solely for the purchase of wildlife habitat! Members of the public and business community are also encouraged to make donations to this fund, as wildlife management areas are open for all to enjoy, and the wildlife benefits everyone.

All wildlife management areas are subject to certain regulations (see next page) and are open to hiking, fishing, hunting, birdwatching, trapping and jogging. Many are also open to horseback riding and biking, provided erosion caused by these activities does not present a problem.

We hope that the publication of this booklet will encourage people to visit, use and enjoy the natural wonders found on the MDFW's wildlife management areas. Thanks is due to personnel in the District Field Offices, Realty Section, Information & Education Section, and Wildlife Section of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, without whose efforts this publication would not have been possible. Special thanks goes to the sportsmen of Massachusetts, both past and present, whose farsightedness and untiring efforts on behalf of wildlife have - among many other benefits - resulted in the purchase and continual expansion of protected lands that will be forever preserved for wildlife.

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

1. No person shall possess any alcoholic beverage except under permit or dump or discard any can, bottle or rubbish.

2. No person shall remove vegetation, soil or stones from any wildlife management area except under permit.

3. No person shall use excessive speed in driving a vehicle.

4. No person, unless under permit, shall drive or possess any vehicle except on roads or trails maintained for public traffic.

5. No person shall deface or molest any sign, building or equipment.

6. No person shall build or maintain a fire without written permission from the Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or his designated agent.

7. No person shall camp within any wildlife management area without written permission from the Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or his designated agent.

8. No person shall engage in target practicing without written permission from the Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or his designated agent.

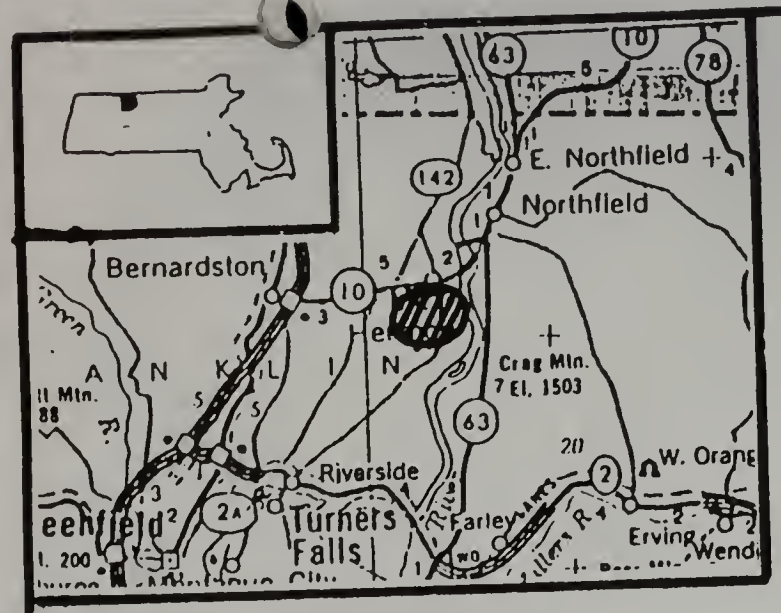
9. No person shall use any weapon other than shotgun or bow and arrow during the pheasant and quail season on areas stocked with pheasant or quail except for hunting raccoons between 9PM and 3AM only.

10. No person shall hunt on any wildlife management area where pheasant or quail are stocked, before sunrise or after sunset during the open season on pheasant or quail, Oct. 20 to Nov. 28, except for the hunting of raccoons between 9 PM and 3 AM.

11. No person shall hunt during the pheasant or quail season on wildlife management areas where pheasant or quail are stocked without wearing a "hunter orange" cap or hat except while night hunting for raccoons or while hunting from a blind or boat.

12. No person, except under permit, shall dig or disturb any artifact or archaeological remains.

13. The Director may make special regulations to handle special situations peculiar to any wildlife management area. Controlled hunts are in effect at certain times on Burns, Delaney and Ludlow WMA. Contact District Supervisor for details.



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BENNETT MEADOWS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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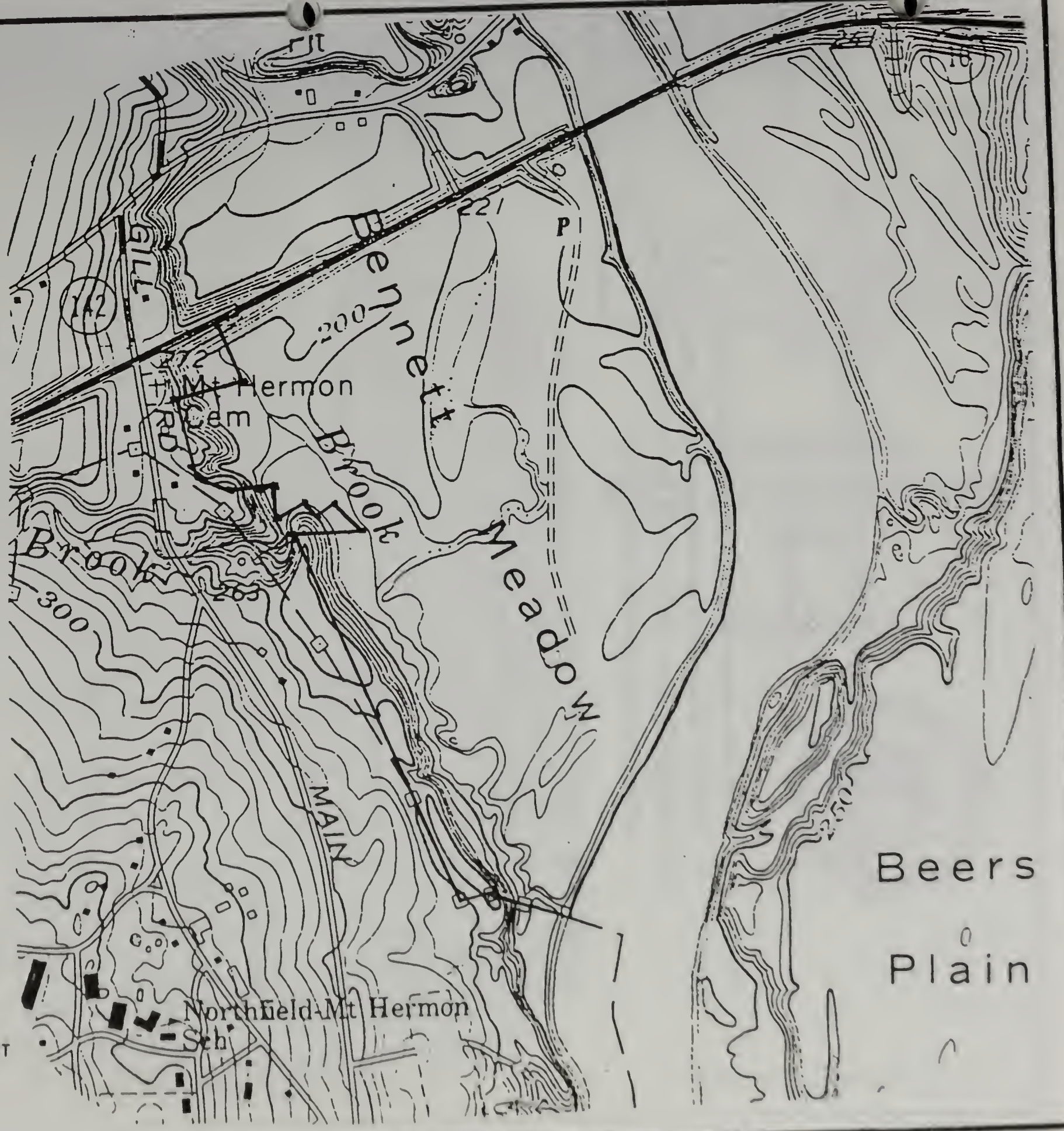

BENNETT MEADOWS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Northfield/Gill)

SIZE: Bordered on the north by Route 10, this 200-acre area is owned by Northeast Utilities and cooperatively managed with the M.D.F.W. It is primarily a level, river floodplain with some fairly steep slopes along its eastern border.

VEGETATION: Most of the area consists of open fields and agricultural crops, but there is some oak forest habitat along the bank of the Connecticut River, and some low, brushy alder habitat along Bennet Brook.

WATER: The Connecticut River, offering good general fishing, forms the western boundary of the area. Bennett Brook, often broken into small impoundments by beaver dams, supports a healthy population of native brook trout.

WILDLIFE: Stocked pheasant, waterfowl, turkey, aquatic furbearers, raccoon, woodcock and numerous nongame species.

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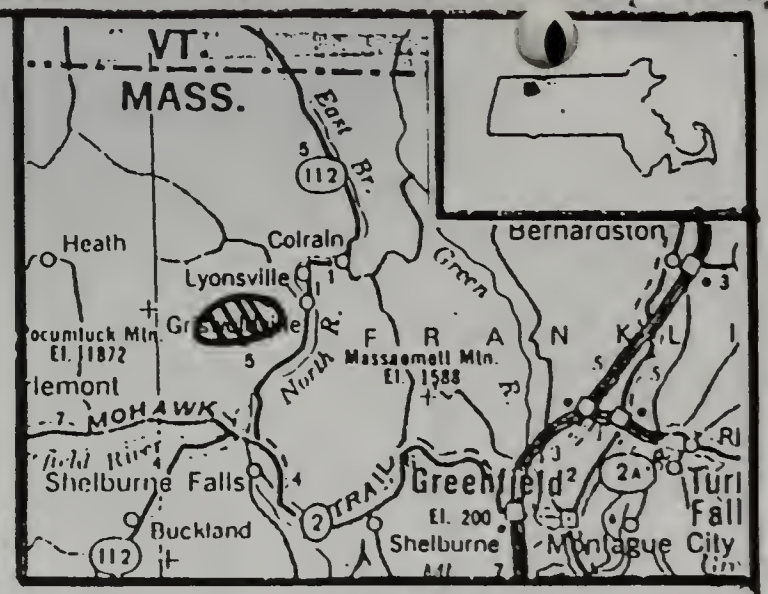

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CATAMOUNT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(COLRAIN)

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CATAMOUNT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Colrain)

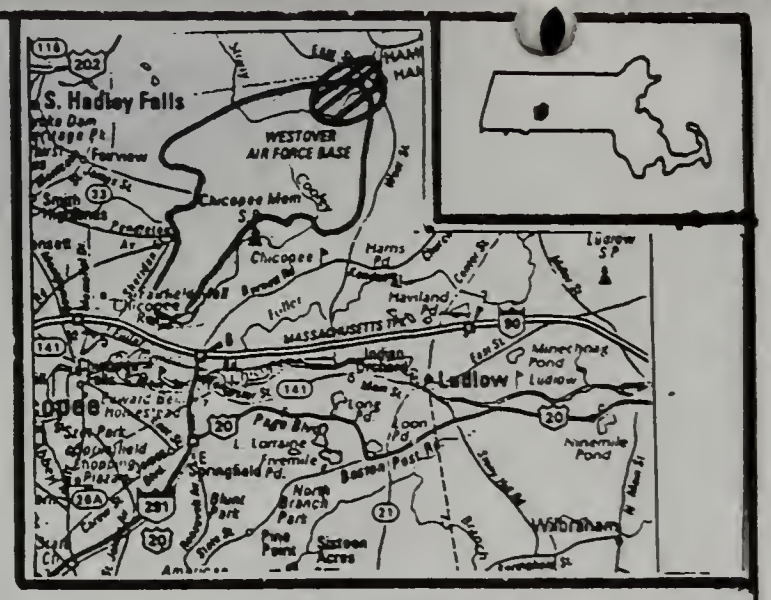
SIZE: A total of 256 acres in two parcels which abut the Catamount State Forest. Access is from Stacy Road and Catamount Hill Road. This is an area of very steep slopes with a few wetland areas and plateaus. U.S.G.S. Quad: Colrain.

VEGETATION: Mixed hardwood forest, primarily oak and beech.

WATER: The only water present is in the form of wetlands and small tributaries which feed Meadow Brook (eastern parcel) and Houghton Brook (western parcel).

WILDLIFE: Whitetail deer, bear, bobcat, raccoon, squirrel, turkey, coyote, ruffed grouse and snowshoe hare, as well as a host of nongame species associated with the deep forest, including pileated woodpecker. This area is **not** stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL REGS: None.



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LUDLOW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(LUDLOW)

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LUDLOW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Ludlow)

SIZE: This is a 150-acre area of virtually flat land.

VEGETATION: Abandoned field, brushland and woodland surrounding a shallow impoundment. The impoundment contains large sections of dead, standing timber, as well as grass hummocks and open water.

WATER: The 75-acre shallow, marshy impoundment is the main feature of this area. It offers warm water fishing and good waterfowling.

WILDLIFE: Mallard, black duck, green winged teal, blue winged teal, wood duck, raccoon, woodcock, muskrat, green heron, great blue heron and other marsh and aquatic species. This area is **not** stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL REGS: During the waterfowl season this area is open only to waterfowl hunting. A permit is required to hunt during the first two weeks of the waterfowl season, and hunting is permitted from state blinds only. For details about permits contact: Connecticut Valley Wildlife District, 341 East Street, Belchertown, MA 01007.

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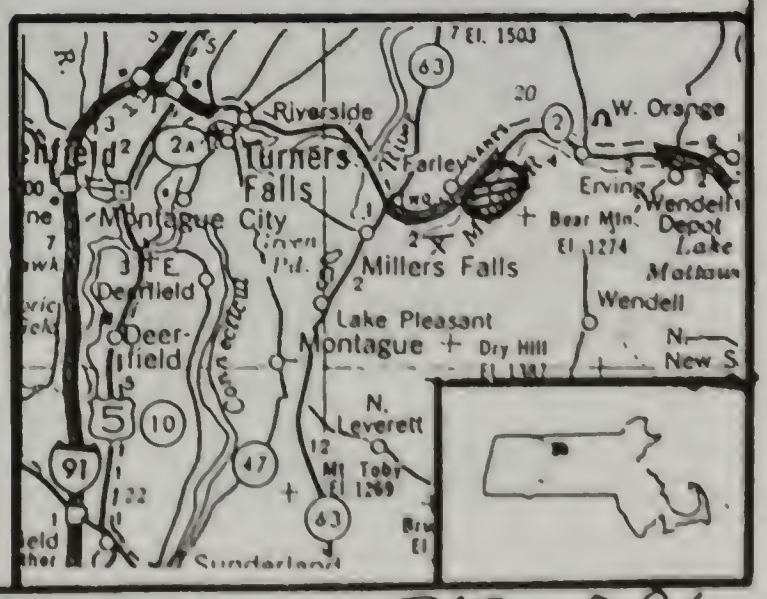

MILLERS RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(WENDELL)

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MILLERS RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Wendell)

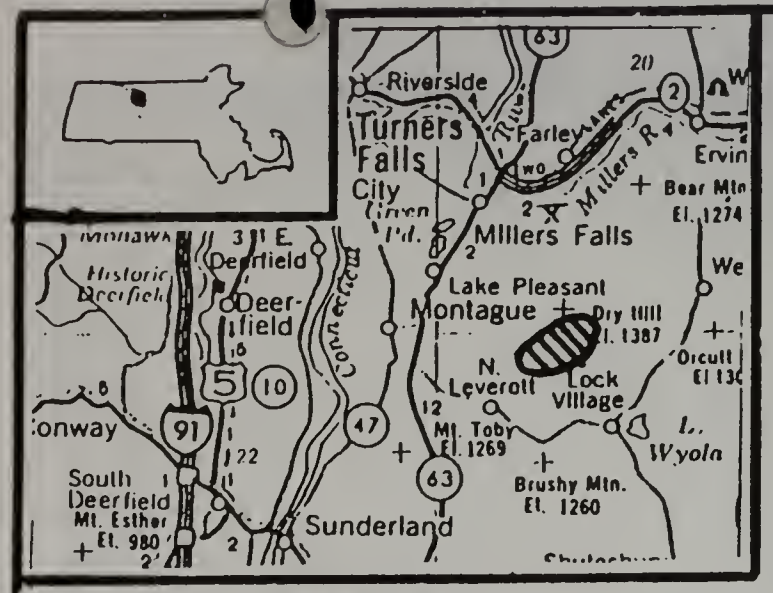
SIZE: A long, relatively narrow, 39-acre parcel of gently to steeply sloping land located on the south side of the Millers River. The area is located just west of the the bridge behind the Erving Paper Mill and extends downstream. It borders state forest property. U.S.G.S. Quad: Millers Falls.

VEGETATION: Mixed hardwood forest interspersed with some hemlock.

WATER: This area provides excellent fishing access to the Millers River, a stocked trout water. There are also two small tributaries.

WILDLIFE: Due to the small size of this area, a few aquatic furbearers and a handful of nongame species are probably the only permanent residents. Most of our common woodland and riverine wildlife species are probably occasional visitors. This area is **not** stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL REGS: None.



LOCATION

MONTAGUE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(MONTAGUE)

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MONTAGUE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Montague)

SIZE: Located off Chestnut Hill Road, this 609-acre area contains mixed terrain varying from gentle to steep slopes, nearly vertical ledges and flat bottom land.

VEGETATION: This area is primarily mixed hardwood forest (including some stands of American Chestnut) with an understory of Mountain Laurel and blueberry, but there are several acres of open field and old pastures with fruit trees.

WATER: A long stretch of Spaulding Brook (a wild brook trout stream) is contained within this area, and there are also some smaller tributaries of the Sawmill River.

WILDLIFE: Whitetail deer, bear, raccoon, gray squirrel, fisher, turkey, ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare, along with numerous nongame species. This area is not stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL REGS: None.

PAUCHAUG BROOK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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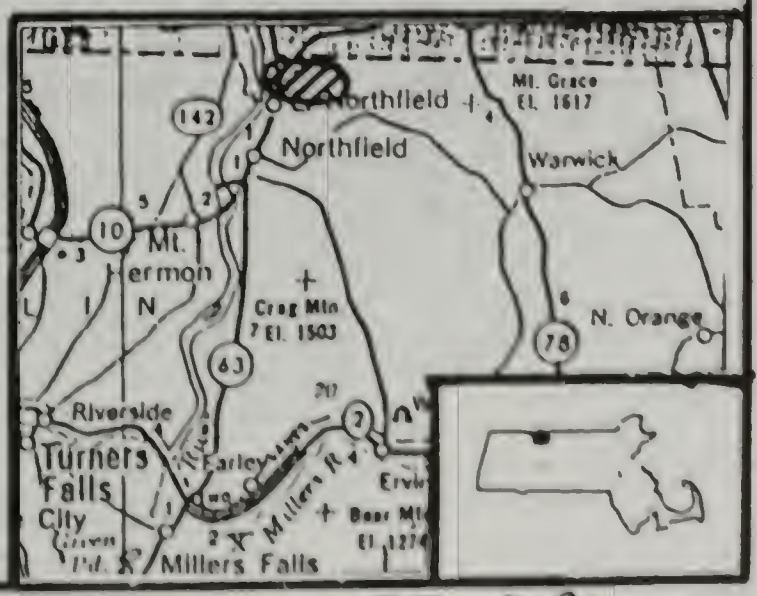

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PAUCHAUG BROOK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Northfield)

SIZE: This 161-acre area, formerly known as Pauchaug Meadow, is a nearly level flood plain of the Connecticut River.

VEGETATION: Most of the area consists of open fields and agricultural crops, but there are some hardwoods along the edge of the Connecticut River and along Pauchaug Brook, and brushy edges around the fields.

WATER: The Connecticut River forms the western boundary of the area and offers good general fishing. Boat access is provided by a concrete ramp and ample parking for trailers and vehicles. Pauchaug Brook, which runs through the area, is a stocked trout water and provides good trout fishing.

WILDLIFE: Stocked pheasant, woodcock, cottontail rabbit, gray squirrel, raccoon, waterfowl and numerous nongame species.

SPECIAL REGS: Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season.

POLAND BROOK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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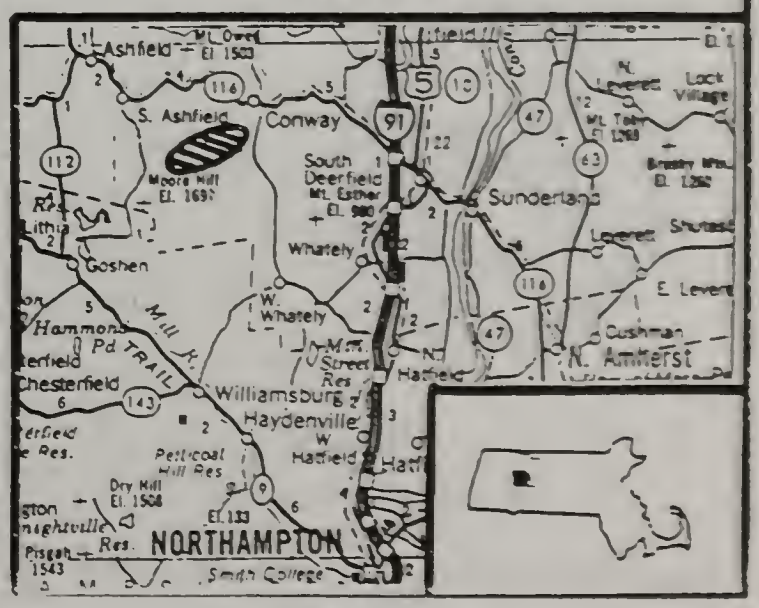

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POLAND BROOK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Conway/Ashfield)

SIZE: 619 acres of rolling hills, varying approximately 500 feet in elevation, with some steep grades. There is flat bottomland along Poland Brook. U.S.G.S. Quad: Williamsburg.

VEGETATION: Open fields, abandoned brushy fields and forested tracts of mixed hardwoods and softwoods.

WATER: Poland Brook runs through the area and provides quality trout fishing.

WILDLIFE: Stocked pheasant, woodcock, ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, whitetail deer, gray squirrel, snowshoe hare and raccoon. The mixed habitat also supports numerous nongame species.

SPECIAL REGS: Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season.

WARWICK STATE FOREST

Moores Pond

Gale's Brook

Brush Valley

Hubbards Pond

Barber Hill

Beech Hill

Pitt Hill

Fall Hill

Hockanum Hill

Wheelers

Darling Road

Wendell Road

Hockanum Road

Warwick State Forest Road

Beach Hill Road

Pine Hill

Brush Valley Road

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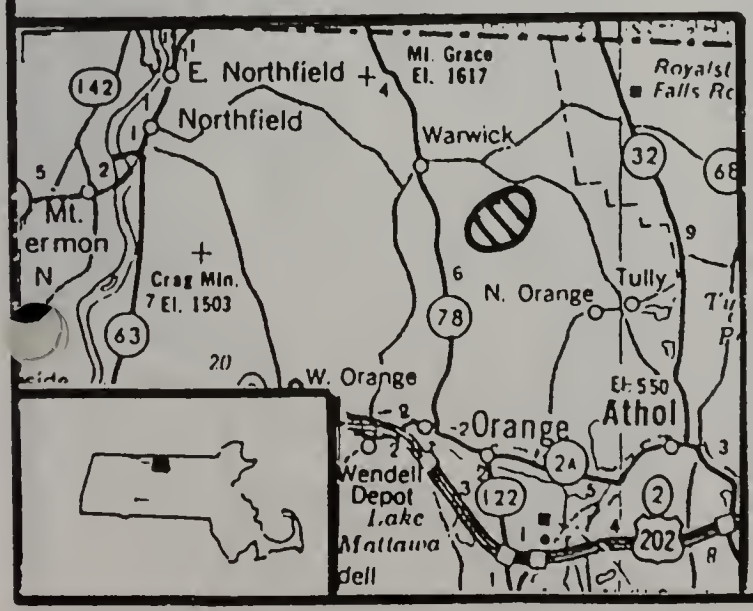

WARWICK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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WARWICK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Warwick)

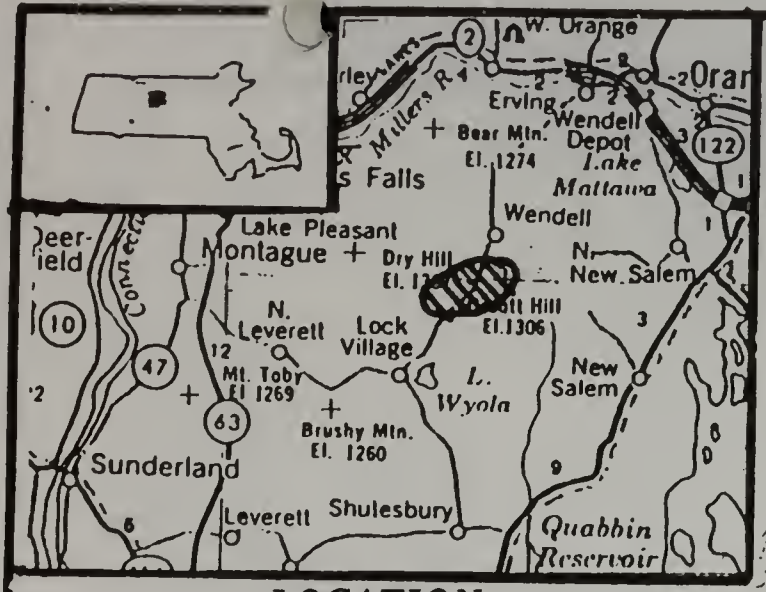
SIZE: 112 acres of gentle to steep slopes. U.S.G.S. Quad: Mt. Grace.

VEGETATION: Mixed hardwoods, primarily oak and beech, with an understory of mountain laurel.

WATER: A small tributary to Orcutt Brook flows through the property. Several seeps are also present.

WILDLIFE: Whitetail deer, bear, raccoon, gray squirrel, fisher, turkey, ruffed grouse and cottontail rabbit. Numerous species of nongame wildlife are always in evidence. This area is not stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL REGS: None.



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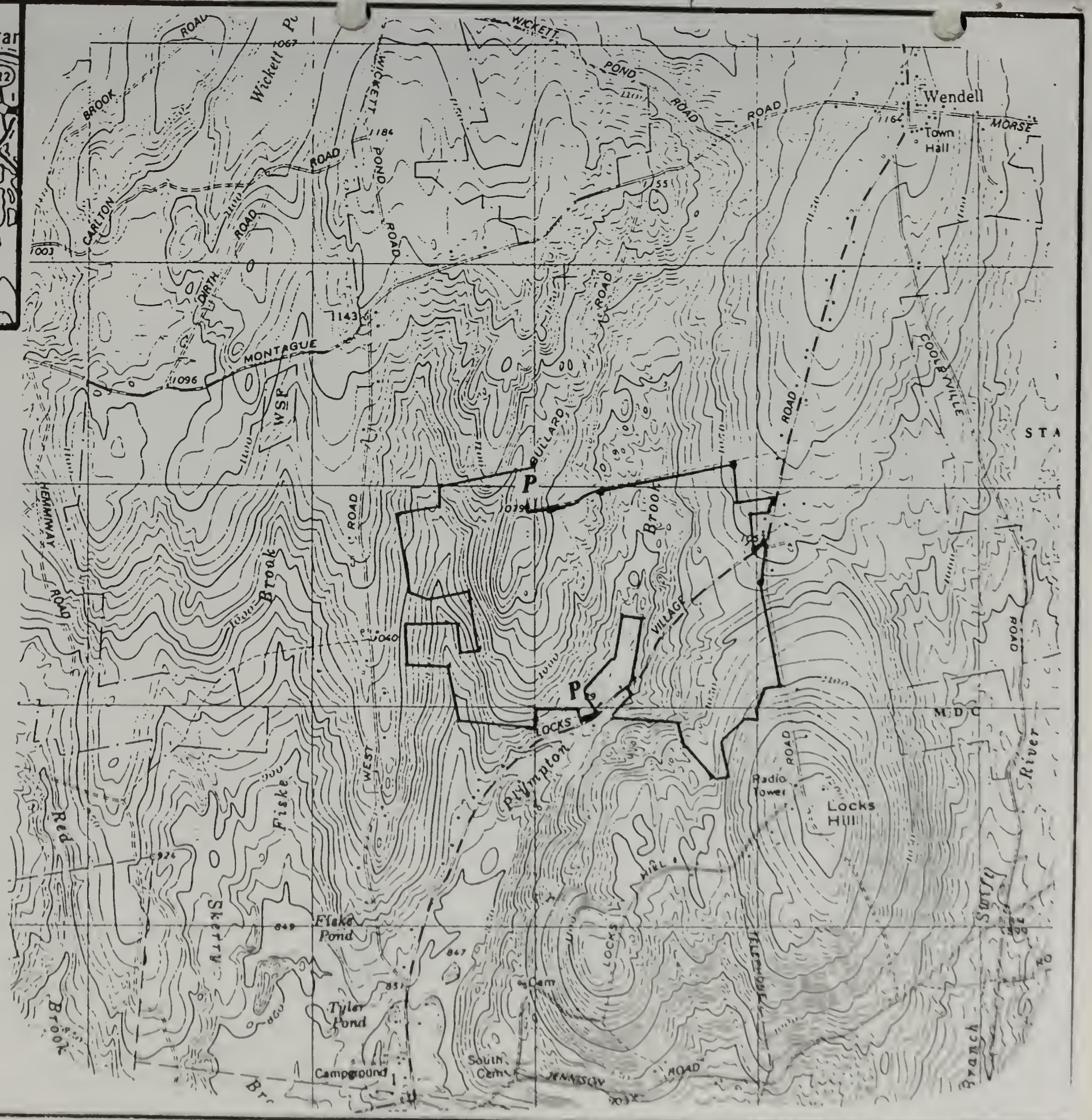

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WENDELL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Wendell)

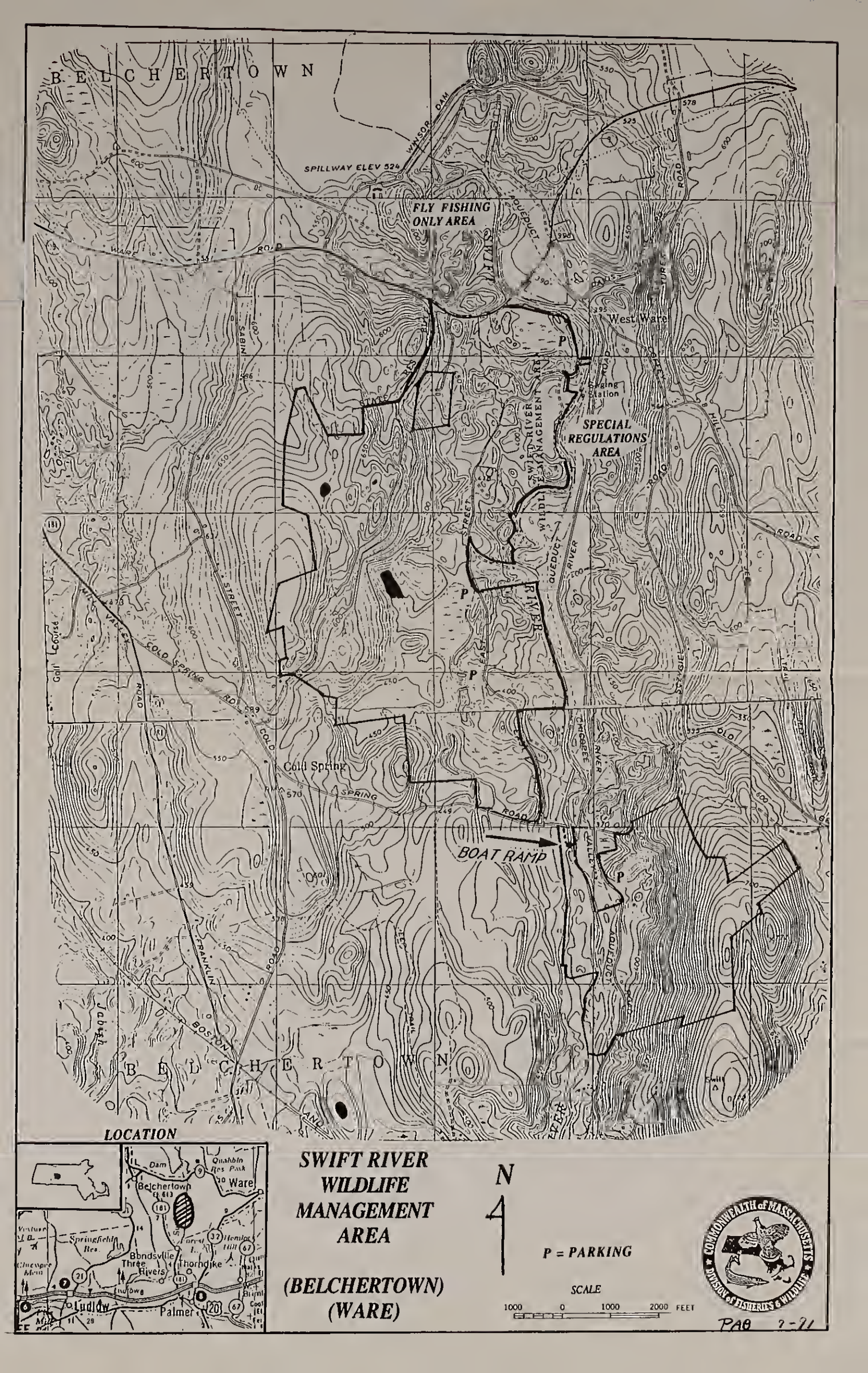
SIZE: 588 acres of gentle slopes and flat bottom land. Access from Locks Village Road and Bullard Road. U.S.G.S. Quad: Mt. Grace.

VEGETATION: Heavily forested with mixed hardwood stands and conifer stands. Primary understory shrub is mountain laurel.

WATER: Head water of Plympton Brook (not stocked).

WILDLIFE: Whitetail deer, bear, raccoon, gray squirrel, fisher, turkey, ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, as well as numerous nongame species. This area is not stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL REGS: None.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SWIFT RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Belchertown)

SIZE: 1,445 acres in two large parcels of mixed terrain, varying approximately 300 feet in elevation, and including steep ledges, gently sloping hills and relatively flat lands along the Swift River. U.S.G.S. Quad: Windsor Dam.

VEGETATION: Open fields and brushy fields surrounded by tracts of mature hardwoods and softwoods. There are numerous patches and hedgerows of autumn olive, multiflora rose and staghorn sumac.

WATER: The Swift River runs through the area, providing excellent trout fishing. The area also contains a small brook on which there are several man-made and/or beaver ponds offering additional trout fishing opportunities.

WILDLIFE: Stocked pheasant, woodcock, ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, gray squirrel, raccoon, whitetail deer, beaver and waterfowl. The area is also rich in nongame wildlife species. Bluebirds, tree swallows and other cavity nesters are common due to the availability of beaver-flooded dead timber and artificial nesting boxes. Bald eagles are a frequently sighted soaring over the area.

SPECIAL REGS: Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season. Also note that portions of the Swift River are designated Catch & Release and Fly Fishing Only on a permanent or seasonal basis. See "Abstracts of the Fish & Wildlife Laws" for details.

SATAN' S KINGDOM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(BERNARDSTON) (NORTHFIELD)

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NORTHFIELD STATE FOREST

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Bald Mtn

Pond

West Northfield

East Northfield Station

West Northfield Park

Pauchaug Meadow

Moose Plain Brook

Moose Plain

Schell Bridge

Boat Ramp

West Northfield Cem

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Sewage Disposal

Northfield

Golf Course

Center Cem

Townhall

BM 94.5

BM 96.7

BM 100.4

St Marys Cem

Gravel Pit

Lily Pond

Sawyer Ponds

Mt Hermon Station

Pioneer Valley Regional Sch

Mt Hermon Cem

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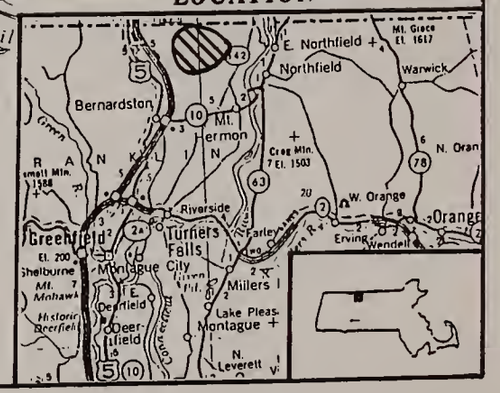

SATAN'S KINGDOM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Northfield/Bernardston)

SIZE: A total of 966 acres in several disjunct parcels. Topography is highly variable, ranging from steep slopes and mountain tops to nearly flat, seasonally flooded wooded swamps. U.S.G.S. Quads: Bernardston; Northfield.

VEGETATION: Primarily mixed hardwoods with some conifer stands.

WATER: The area includes portions of Dry Brook, West Wait Brook and East Wait Brook, as well as several beaver impoundments.

WILDLIFE: Whitetail deer, aquatic furbearers, raccoon, gray squirrel, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, turkey, ruffed grouse, woodcock and many nongame species. This area is **not** stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL REGS: None.